

Information Request DTE-1-2

Please refer to the Filing Letter at 2, stating that the Company has “solicited bids from wholesale suppliers to provide certificates from new renewable resources.” The Filing Letter further states the Company has received initial bids and “is in negotiations for final contract terms and pricing for the certificates.”

- A. How many initial bids did the Company receive?
- B. Describe any criteria, other than price, the Company applied to evaluate the bids and to select a successful bidder(s).
- C. Based on the number of initial bids received and the negotiations of final terms, how many bidders does the Company anticipate contracting with?
- D. Based on the number of initial bids received and the negotiations of final terms, describe the anticipated composition of the resource portfolio for NSTAR Green.
- E. Based on the number of initial bids received and the negotiations of final terms, what is the anticipated term of the contract the Company anticipates entering into with a successful bidder(s)?

Response

- A. The Company received proposals from two suppliers.
- B. In addition to price, the Company is also evaluating the proposed resource mix and quantity being offered by suppliers. It is the Company’s goal to procure a supply that is responsive to the desired mix of resources including landfill gas, solar and wind resources based on market research with customers.
- C. The Company may enter into contracts with one, or a combination, of the suppliers that submitted initial bids in response to the Company’s bid solicitations. However, because final negotiations have not been completed, the Company has not determined the number of bidders with

whom the Company may enter into contracts for Renewable Energy Certificates.

- D. Based on expected enrollment rates and because of the limited quantity of qualifying New Renewable wind and solar contained in the proposals received by the Company, the expected 2004 resource mix for NSTAR Green is 22 percent biomass, 2 percent wind, 1 percent solar.
- E. The Company anticipates entering into contracts with a one-year term.